

What is claimed:

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1. A surveillance system, comprising:
 2. (a) a primary video camera for translating real images of an area into electronic video signals at a first level of resolution;
 3. (b) means for sampling movements of an individual or individuals located within the area from the video signal output of from said at least one primary video camera;
 4. (c) means for electronically comparing the video signals of said sampled movements with predetermined characteristics of movements which are indicative of individuals engaged in criminal activity;
 5. (d) means for determining the level of said criminal activity, said determining means being dependent on said electronic comparing means; and
 6. (e) means for generating a signal indicating presence of a predetermined level of criminal activity.

1. 2. The surveillance system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said signal generating means activates a video signal recorder for recording said video signals from said at least one primary camera.

1. 2. 3. The surveillance system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said signal generating means activates a microphone for receiving audible information of said individuals located in said area.

1 4. The surveillance system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said

2 signal generating means activates at least one secondary high resolution camera.